



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Alaska Region
Tongass National Forest
Juneau Ranger District

8510 Mendenhall Loop
Juneau, AK 99801
Phone: (907) 586-8800
Fax: (907) 586-8808

File Code: 2800

Date: October 29, 2014

Dear Interested Party,

Enclosed is information on the 2014 Coeur Alaska's Kensington Fuel Depot that is being planned under authorization of Predecisional Administrative review Process.

In development and preparation of the project, the participation of interested persons, state, and local governments, and Indian tribes is encouraged at this time and throughout the process.

The Environmental Assessment and draft decision will be completed and mailed to those who have submitted comments, and to those who have requested to be included on the project mailing list. A copy of the final environmental analysis and draft decision is planned to be mailed in January 2015.

The project implements land management plans and is not authorized under the healthy Forest Restoration Act and is subject to 36 CFR 218.7 parts (a) and (b). Instead of an appeal period, there will be an objection process before the final decision is made and after the final environmental analysis document and draft decision are mailed (reference 36 CFR 218). In order to be eligible to file an objection, specific written comments related to the project must be submitted during scoping or any other periods public comment is specifically requested on this EA (218.5). Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to meet the requirements of eligibility as an individual. Objections received on behalf of an organization are considered as those of the organization only. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

For more information on how the objection process works for projects and activities implementing land and resource management plans and the requirements, contact Curtis Caton or or you may read the regulations under 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B on the National Forest Service web site at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-27/pdf/2013-06857.pdf>

Project information can be found at the following link:

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=45154

The environmental analysis will be mailed out to those who respond to this scoping letter, to those who have requested the document, or are eligible to file an objection in accordance with Sec. 218.5(a).

Contact Curtis Caton at 907-789-6273 or curtislcaton@fs.fed.us for more details about public information or release of a document for comment.

Sincerely,

601 Brad Orr
District Ranger

